

# ABSTRACT

Information and the Teacher:  
Study of Trainee Teachers'  
Knowledge and Use of Libraries.

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Trainee teachers need to have a knowledge of library and information skills as well as the ability to use libraries effectively, not only for their own development but also because of the key role they will be expected to play in motivating their charges to use libraries and to acquire the information skills necessary to do so competently.

This study is a survey of trainee teachers at Mico College to explore their knowledge and use of libraries. A number of questions asked addressed their use of the library, their perception of the usefulness of the library in their teaching career and their knowledge of certain aspects of library and information skills.

The results indicated that trainee teachers use the library mainly in relationship to course work and that their knowledge of library and information skills is limited. Based on the findings, recommendations are made for the inclusion of Library Science courses in teacher education programmes and the adoption of certain other measures to introduce them to the library and information skills necessary for effective use of libraries.